

To the Honorable Commissioners of the FCC,

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I am voicing my support to retain all the FCC rules in question. These rules set limits on concentration of the broadcast industry and serve the public interest by preserving diversity of ownership in the broadcast marketplace. These rules are; The Television-Radio Cross-Ownership Rule, The Broadcast-Newspaper Cross Ownership Ban, The National Television Ownership Rule, The Duopoly Rule for Radio, The Local Television Ownership Rule, and The Dual Network Rule.

As an active and concerned citizen, I am keenly aware of the importance of a diverse media in the function of our democracy. Prevention of monopoly ownership is a long and proud tradition in the United States of America, dating back to the concerns about the rule of the majority expressed by the founders in the Federalist Papers. As one of the regrettably few countries where freedom of the press is a reality, it is incumbent upon us to preserve that right to the fullest extent possible. What is the value of varied information sources when they are controlled by a single voice? The FCC is the agency entrusted with the power to regulate on behalf of the public. I request that you act accordingly by defending the public interest, not the desires of corporate conglomerates.

I urge you to rule in the public interest on this matter. The public interest will be served by preserving the FCC's Broadcast Media ownership rules.

Thank you,  
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